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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

TAN TRINH

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bloebaum (U.S. Patent No. 6,188,351).

Regarding claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 11 and 14, Bloebaum teaches a system for determining a GPS receiver code-phase search range in an integrated GPS/wireless terminal unit operating in a wireless network (see figs. 1 and 1a-b, fig. 2A, col. 3, lines 55-col. 4, line 5, and col. 11, lines 19-30), the system comprising: a receiver operable to generate a GPS time reference (see fig. 5 GPS epoch clock 66); a controller operable to calculate a GPS code-phase search range with reference to a base station geographic location (see fig. 5, GPS processor 58), the wireless coverage area (see figs. 1B and 2A), the GPS time reference and the estimated wireless signal propagation delay within the coverage area (see fig. 2A and col. 3, line 64-col. 4, line 5),

However, Bloebaum discloses that the base station determines the code-phase search range (see figs. 1 and 1a-b, fig. 2A-2B, col. 3, lines 55-col. 4, line 5, and col. 11, lines 19-30, and figs. 2a-2b, col. 9, line 19-col. 10, line 67). While the claim requires that the system determines the code-phase search range and transmit to the mobile station. However, for portable device

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battery life depends on the amount of processing performed at the portable station therefore logically it is better for the system to performed complex calculations.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Bloebaum, and calculate a boundary of the code shift uncertainty at the base station, thereby conserving the battery life of the mobile station.

Regarding claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 12 and 15, Bloebaum teaches wherein the GPS code-phase search range is defined by a center value and a size value (see figs. 2A-B, col. 9, lines 19-col. 10, line67).

Regarding claims 5, 13, Bloebaum teaches for obtaining a time offset utilizes the round-trip wireless signal propagation time between the base station and the terminal unit to establish the time offset (see col. 4, lines 39-43).

Regarding claims 8 and 16, Bloebaum teaches for obtaining a location reference utilizes means for providing terrestrial based trilateration to establish the location reference (see col. 14, lines 34-51).

Response to Arguments

3. Response to Arguments:

Applicant requests a pinpoint cite to column and line number of the reference for the teaching without particularly point out which teachings are not cited in the reference. The

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examiner believes that the action clearly points out column and line number for teaching in the reference ((see previous action).

In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, the motivation to do so is found in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. More particularly, Bloebaum differs from the claimed invention in that the code-phase search range is determined in the mobile station instead of the base station as claimed. However, the above difference would not render the claims patentable over Bloebaum because it would merely depend on where (base station or mobile station) the code-phase search range is determined. It is in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art that if the code-phase search range is determined in the base station instead of the mobile station, then the power consumption in the mobile station is greatly reduced.

Conclusion

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Trinh whose telephone number is (703) 305-5622. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung, can be reached at (703) 308-7745.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office** whose telephone number is **(703) 306-0377**.

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